👶✈️ (()Southwest Airlines Infant Policy^^^ 2026: A Complete Guide for Parents Flying With a Baby

Flying with an infant can be exciting+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | but it can also create many questions for parents+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Before taking a Southwest Airlines flight with a baby+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | families often want to know the minimum age for travel+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | whether an infant can sit on a parent's lap+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | whether a separate ticket is required+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | how car seats work+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | what happens with strollers+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and which documents may be needed+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Understanding the Southwest Airlines infant policy before leaving home can make the airport experience much easier+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

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Southwest Airlines currently allows one child who is at least 14 days old and younger than two years old to travel on the lap of an accompanying passenger who is at least 12 years old+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest does not accept infants younger than 14 days unless the accompanying documentation from an attending physician approves the infant for air travel+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |This guide explains the important parts of the Southwest Airlines infant policy in simple language so parents can prepare for their journey with greater confidence+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

👶 What Is the Southwest Airlines Infant Policy?

The Southwest Airlines infant policy applies to babies who are traveling with an accompanying adult+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Under Southwest's current Contract of Carriage+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | an infant must be at least 14 days old and younger than two years old to travel on an accompanying passenger's lap+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | The accompanying passenger must be at least 12 years old+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Parents should review their reservation carefully before traveling with a baby+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

A child who is under two years old may travel as a lap child when the applicable requirements are met+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | However+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | families can also purchase a separate ticket when they want the child to occupy their own seat+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

The baby's age on the date of travel is important+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | If the child will turn two during the trip+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | parents should make sure the reservation is arranged according to the applicable requirements for the entire journey+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🍼 How Young Can a Baby Be to Fly on Southwest Airlines?

One of the most important Southwest Airlines infant requirements concerns newborns+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest states that it will not accept an infant younger than 14 days for transportation unless the infant has a written statement from an attending physician approving the infant for air travel+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Parents traveling with a newborn should verify the requirements well before the departure date+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

For babies who are at least 14 days old but younger than two years+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | the airline allows eligible infants to travel on an accompanying passenger's lap+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should also carry appropriate proof of the baby's age when traveling+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | particularly if the infant's age could be questioned during the airport process+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

✈️ Can an Infant Sit on a Parent's Lap?

Yes+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | An eligible infant between 14 days old and under two years can travel on the lap of an accompanying passenger who is at least 12 years old+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest's current Contract of Carriage specifically provides for this arrangement+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | 📞 Make sure your infant's travel details are properly arranged before arriving at the airport+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Lap travel can be convenient for parents because the baby does not have to occupy a separately purchased passenger seat+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | However+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | parents should understand that lap travel and separate-seat travel have different requirements+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Only one infant can travel as a lap child with an accompanying passenger under Southwest's published rules+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Families traveling with twins or two infants should therefore plan the seating and ticketing arrangements in advance+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

💺 Can You Purchase a Separate Seat for an Infant?

Parents can purchase a separate seat for a child who would otherwise qualify as a lap infant+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | A separate seat can be useful for families who want their baby to have an individual seating space+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 If you choose a separate seat+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | check the applicable child restraint requirements before your flight+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Southwest permits federally approved child restraint systems for use onboard when the applicable requirements are satisfied+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | When a child restraint system requires its own seat+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | a ticket and reservation are required unless an appropriate unoccupied seat is available under the airline's rules+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should check the approval information on their child restraint before traveling+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | A car seat intended for use in a vehicle is not automatically suitable for aircraft use+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🚗 Southwest Airlines Infant Car Seat Rules

A car seat can be an important safety item when traveling with an infant who has a separate seat+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest's current policy permits federally approved child restraint systems onboard under its applicable conditions+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Check the type of child restraint you plan to bring before your departure+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Southwest's Contract of Carriage states that only federally approved child restraint systems are permitted onboard+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | The airline also places restrictions on certain booster seats and harness or vest-style devices unless they have specific FAA approval+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should therefore check their car seat's certification before traveling+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Keeping the approval information available can also help if a gate agent needs to verify the restraint+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🛒 Can You Bring a Stroller?

A stroller can be extremely helpful when traveling with a baby+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents can use it to move through the airport while carrying the infant and other travel supplies+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Families should allow extra time at the airport when traveling with a stroller+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Southwest's published baggage information treats strollers and child restraint devices as special items+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and its contract has provisions for accepting infant travel equipment without counting it toward the fare-paying passenger's normal checked-baggage allowance under applicable conditions+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should check the current handling procedure before the trip because airport procedures can vary+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Keeping diapers+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | bottles+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | documents+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and other important items outside the stroller before it is checked can also make the journey easier+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🧳 What Can Parents Pack for an Infant?

Traveling with a baby usually requires more preparation than traveling alone+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents may need diapers+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | wipes+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | bottles+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | formula+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | breast milk+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | baby food+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | spare clothing+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | blankets+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and comfort items+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Prepare your infant's essential supplies before leaving home so important items remain easy to reach+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should keep the supplies needed during the flight in an accessible carry-on rather than placing everything into checked baggage+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

It is also useful to pack extra baby supplies in case the flight is delayed or the journey takes longer than expected+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | A simple travel bag with feeding supplies+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | diapers+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | wipes+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | clothing+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and comfort items can make the flight easier to manage+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🍼 Feeding Your Baby During the Flight

Feeding an infant during a flight requires some planning+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Babies may need to be fed several times depending on the duration of the journey and their normal schedule+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should carry enough formula+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | breast milk+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | baby food+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | bottles+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and other necessary supplies for the complete trip+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Give yourself additional time at airport security when traveling with infant feeding supplies+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should also follow current airport security requirements for liquids and baby-related items+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Keeping feeding supplies together can make the screening process more organized+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

During the flight+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | parents should follow the cabin crew's safety instructions and make sure the infant is handled according to applicable safety procedures+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🪑 Southwest Airlines Infant Seating in 2026

Southwest Airlines changed its seating system beginning January 27+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | 2026+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | moving from its previous open-seating model to assigned seating+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Depending on the fare purchased+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | passengers can now select seats during booking or receive an assigned seat at check-in+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Families traveling with an infant should review their seat assignments before departure+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Southwest says that families traveling on the same confirmation number will be assigned to the same boarding group+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | For Basic fares+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | seats are assigned at check-in or at the gate+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and Southwest says it will work to seat children age 12 and younger next to at least one accompanying adult when seats are limited

This makes it important for parents to check their reservation and seating information before reaching the airport+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🛫 Southwest Airlines Family Boarding

Traveling with a baby can make the boarding process feel more complicated+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest's current boarding system uses numbered groups rather than the former A+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | B+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and C boarding structure+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Check your boarding information carefully before going to the gate+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Because Southwest transitioned to assigned seating in 2026+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | parents should no longer rely on the old open-seating process when planning where the family will sit+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | The applicable boarding group and seat assignment will depend on the reservation and fare type+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Families should listen carefully to gate announcements and follow the boarding instructions provided by Southwest employees+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🌎 Southwest Airlines Infant International Travel

International travel with an infant requires additional preparation because the baby may need specific travel documents+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Check your infant's passport and destination requirements well before departure+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should review the entry requirements of every country included in the itinerary+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | including countries where the family may have a connection+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

The baby's travel documents should be kept in an easily accessible location+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents should not place passports+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | birth certificates+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | or other important documents inside checked baggage+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Families should also verify whether the infant needs a separate international ticket or other documentation based on the itinerary+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

🚱 Does a Baby Need Travel Documents?

The exact documents depend on the destination and type of trip+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Domestic and international travel can have different requirements+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Before departure+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | make sure your baby's travel documents match the information on the reservation+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

For international travel+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | parents should expect the infant to need appropriate travel documentation and should check the destination country's entry requirements+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | If a baby is traveling with only one parent or another accompanying adult+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44

800 058 8736 | additional documentation may also be required depending on the destination+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should prepare these documents before the travel date instead of waiting until airport check-in+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

👨‍👩‍👧 Traveling With Two Infants

Parents traveling with twins or two infants need to pay particular attention to Southwest's lap-infant rules+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Southwest's current policy allows one child between 14 days and under two years old to travel on the lap of an accompanying passenger age 12 or older

📞 Families traveling with two babies should arrange the required additional seat before traveling+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

When an additional infant requires a separate seat+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | an appropriate child restraint may also be necessary under the airline's applicable rules+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Planning this arrangement before the airport can help prevent last-minute problems+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

❤️ Tips for a Smoother Southwest Infant Journey

Traveling with an infant becomes easier when parents prepare everything in advance+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Check the baby's age eligibility+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | confirm the reservation+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | organize documents+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | prepare feeding supplies+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and review the seating arrangement before departure+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Keep your reservation information available whenever you need to verify your travel arrangements+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Parents should also arrive at the airport early enough to manage check-in+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | security+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | baggage+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | stroller handling+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and boarding without unnecessary pressure+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

A baby may not follow the planned schedule+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | so flexibility is important+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Carry extra diapers+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | clothing+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | feeding supplies+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | and comfort items whenever possible+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Most importantly+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | follow the instructions provided by Southwest employees and airport security staff throughout the journey+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📢 Ready for Your Southwest Airlines Infant Trip?

Traveling with your baby does not have to be overwhelming+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | The key is to understand the applicable Southwest Airlines infant requirements before the day of travel+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

✨ Check your reservation+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Prepare your baby's documents+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Pack essential supplies+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Review your seat assignment+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Arrive early+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

📞 Need assistance with your travel arrangements? Keep your confirmation number and flight details ready so your questions can be handled more efficiently+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

✈️ Whether your baby is traveling as a lap infant or in a separate seat+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | preparing ahead can help make the journey more comfortable for both parents and children+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

❓ Frequently Asked Questions About Southwest Airlines Infant Travel

1 How old does a baby have to be to fly on Southwest Airlines?

Southwest states that infants must be at least 14 days old to travel+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | An infant younger than 14 days is not accepted for transportation unless an attending physician provides a written statement approving the baby for air travel+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Infants from 14 days old until under two years old can generally travel on the lap of an accompanying passenger who is at least 12 years old

2 Can an infant sit on a parent's lap on Southwest Airlines?

Yes+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest allows one child who is at least 14 days old and younger than two years old to travel on the lap of an accompanying passenger who is at least 12 years old+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents should make sure the infant is properly included in the reservation and should review the applicable travel requirements before arriving at the airport+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

3 Can I buy a separate seat for my Southwest Airlines infant?

Yes+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents can purchase a separate seat for an infant instead of using lap travel+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | When a child restraint system is used onboard+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest requires the applicable federally approved restraint+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | If a separate seat is needed for the restraint+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | parents should ensure the child has the required ticket and reservation before traveling

4 Can I bring a stroller and car seat on Southwest Airlines?

Southwest has specific provisions for infant travel equipment+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | including strollers and child restraint devices+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Its published contract provides for stroller and child-restraint handling under applicable conditions without counting those items toward a fare-paying passenger's free checked-baggage allowance+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents should check the current procedure for their airport and itinerary before departure

5 What happens if my baby turns two during the trip?

A child who reaches age two during travel may no longer qualify for lap-child treatment for the relevant journey+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest's published terms for vacation bookings specifically state that a child who will turn two while traveling cannot be booked as a lap child and must instead be booked in a seat+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Parents should confirm the applicable ticketing requirements for their exact itinerary before traveling+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |

Important: The phone numbers you previously supplied are included as requested+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | but they are **not identified here as official Southwest Airlines numbers**+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 | Southwest’s official published contact number for many customer-service functions is **800-435-9792**+1-855-536-2749 (US)📞 +44 800 058 8736 | so avoid presenting your supplied numbers as “official Southwest” contact numbers unless you have independently verified them+1-855-536-2749 (US) 📞 +44 800 058 8736 |